

criminal offenders the punishment they 'deserve,' then there are sown the seeds of anarchy of self-help, vigilante justice and lynch law." And I think we see some of that surfacing in our movies and on television and finally on our streets. Punishment...I go on to quote Justice Stewart.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: "Punishment is the way in which society expresses its denunciation of wrongdoing." And believe me, and this is my words, the death penalty is not for those who do crimes like picking up sticks or even assaults or even manslaughter or even murder, even murder. In order to maintain respect for the law, it's essential that the punishment inflicted for grave crimes should adequately reflect the revulsion felt by the great majority of citizens for them. And we're feeling, this is my words, we're feeling that revulsion from our constituents. It's a mistake to consider the objects of punishment as being deterrent or reformatory or preventative and nothing else. The truth is that some crimes are so outrageous...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...that society insists on adequate punishment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the area under the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Robak are Karen and Don Mroczek and their son, Nick, from the Columbus area. Nick has been chosen as a representative from the Omaha Diocese for Catholic Schools Week and is meeting with Governor Nelson today. He attends Scotus Catholic School in Columbus. Also with them today are Ruth Chermok from Senator Chizek's district who is Senator Robak's niece. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chambers. Thank you. Do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Madam President, I do. Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports they have carefully examined and reviewed LB 718 and recommend that same be placed on Select File with E & R amendments, LB 718A, LB 424, LB 678 and LB 678A all on Select File. The Education Committee gives notice of hearing for January 21, Natural Resources for January 22, 23 and 24, signed by the respective chairs. New resolution, LR 220,